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SUBJECT: PETER LEWIS OF LAZARD FRERES TRAVEL TO ROC

- 1. PETER LEWIS, PARTNER IN LAZARD FRERES, NEW YORK IN-VESTMENT BANKING FIRM, PLANS TO ARRIVE IN TAIPEI FROM TOKYO THE EVENING OF AUGUST 10 AND EXPECTS TO REMAIN FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK. HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR AND/OR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR KYLE ON AUGUST 11.
- 2. THIS WILL BE MR. LEWIS' FIRST TRIP TO TAIWAN SINCE SERVING THERE WITH ICA MISSION IN 1955-57. DURING LATE 1960'S UNDER PRESIDENT JOHNSON HE SERVED AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET.
- 3. MR. LEWIS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR AUGUST 14-15 WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT CENTER, CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA, AND BANK OF TAIWAN. BECAUSE LAZARD FRERES FREQUENTLY BECOMES INVOLVED IN FINANCING OF AIRCRAFT LEASES, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET SOMEONE UNCLASSIFIED

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AT CHINA AIRLINES. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL CONNECTED WITH HOUSING FINANCING.

- 4. MR. LEWIS EXPECTS TO STAY AT THE GRAND HOTEL. HE WILL TELEPHONE EMBASSY THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED

BY AUGUST 1 WHETHER IT WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR AMBASSADOR TO SEE MR. LEWIS AND WHOM AT EMBASSY HE SHOULD CONTACT REGARDING OTHER APPOINTMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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